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- 1) Letter of Transmittal (1 page)
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- 3) Clean Version of Amended Claims (Resubmitted) (2 pages)

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In re Application of: Hochrein et al.

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Serial No.: 09/401,595

Examiner: C. Juska

Filed September 22, 1999

**For: Cover For Contained Aerobic Treatment
of Biodegradable Matter**

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. **Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121 and Amendment Under CFR 1.312 (Resubmitted) (6 pages);**
2. **Clean Version of Amended Claims (Resubmitted) (2 pages); and**

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.121 AND RESUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT UNDER CFR 1.312

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 12, 2006, applicants have corrected the proper status identifiers for the claims and are resubmitting the entire corrected Amendment. Applicants believe that the Request for Continued Examination and the Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time sent on April 26, 2006, were in compliance with PTO requirements, and, thus, are not being re-submitted with the present response.

Claims 10, 11 and 15-17 were rejected in a Final Office Action dated October 26, 2005. In response to the Office Action, please consider the remarks provided herein and amend the above-identified patent application, as follows: